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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Masahiro KATO et al. ) Confirmation No.: 2755  
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For: INFORMATION RECORDING )  
APPARATUS AND INFORMATION )  
RECORDING METHOD )

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
**Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2006, the period for response to which runs through March 19, 2007, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks: